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## WING TIPS

### Questions

Have a question? Ask anyone wearing an Air Force uniform - we're here to help.

### First Aid

A first aid station is located in Hoban Hall. See the flightline map on Page 5 for the location.

### Drink Water

The concrete flightline absorbs extreme amounts of heat, keeping the area's temperature at a constant high. Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. For the location of water buffalos, see the flightline map on Page 5.

If you begin to feel dizzy or disoriented, have someone quickly bring you to the first aid station in Hoban Hall.

### Wandering Children

Please keep track of your children. The crowd gets very large, and children lose their sense of direction easily.

If you lose a child, tell someone at the narrator trailer located at show center facing the runway. See the flightline map on Page 5 for the location.

### Trash




Trash cans are located throughout the flightline. Please be considerate and dispose of all trash properly.

### Glass Containers

Glass containers are not allowed on the flightline. This is for your safety and to protect the aircraft from damage.

## SORTIE SCOREBOARD

2d Bomb Wing Monthly Flying Goals

Depicted in Hours			
Goal:	265.3	438.5	425.9
Flown:	203.3	199.3	214.6
Remaining:	62.0	239.2	211.3
As of:	-2.6	-42.1	-31.1
April 15			



# Barksdale Airshow

Barksdale Air Force Base

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**April 24th & 25th, 2004**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Barksdale Air Force Base**



## Team Barksdale welcomes all to the 2004 Airshow



# Showcasing your "Defenders of Liberty"

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER  
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

On behalf of the men and women of Barksdale AFB, welcome to the 2004 Barksdale Open House and Air Show! We're thrilled to have our friends and neighbors from all over the Ark-La-Tex here as we showcase "America's Team" consisting of warriors in 8th Air Force, 2d Bomb Wing and the 917th Wing.

This weekend's air show will be one of the largest in the region, and we are proud to be your hosts. We've got an outstanding flying show this year that blends the power and might of current military jets with older, WWII-era "war birds" and the breath-taking skills of civilian aviators. We'll also have an awesome display of static

airplanes on the ramp, and I encourage each of you to talk with all the aircrews and the maintainers about their aircraft.

We were also fortunate enough to have the Air Force's "Cross into the Blue" program join our show this year. It is here to help you understand more about YOUR Air Force. The highlight of the tour is the static display of an actual F-16, but the exhibit also features a movie theater that provides a short film that details what it's like to be inside today's Air Force, an air-to-air refueling game, an extreme equilibrium ride, a special ops parachute jump simulator and many interactive kiosks.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to speak with the men and women in uniform while you're here. They'll be happy to talk with you about the Air Force, Barksdale,

our role in the nation's defense, and what it means to be part of the Air Force family. Hopefully you'll gain a little insight into what makes your Air Force the most powerful air and space force in the world and how we've earned our reputation as "first in peace, first in war and first to victory."

So, enjoy the show--we are glad to have you here! I hope you feel the sense of pride and commitment to excellence that exists across the base and the Northern Louisiana region. We are especially thankful to the Shreveport-Bossier community for its tremendous support--that total team effort makes Barksdale stronger and better able to accomplish our mission. Finally, thanks to each of you visiting here with us--it is a privilege to serve and protect the greatest nation in the world!

## "Air Power" The Eighth AF Museum: an airshow everyday

### displayed at this year's Airshow

BY BRIG. GEN. BRUCE CARLSON  
EIGHTH AIR FORCE COMMANDER

On behalf of Team Barksdale, I want to welcome you to the 2004 Barksdale Air Show! This year promises to be quite a show. Both military and civilian pilots will showcase the skills possessed by our fighting forces around the globe through remarkable aerial performances--from yesterday's fighters for freedom to today's defenders of liberty.

This year the Viper East F-16 demonstration team will treat you to an awesome aerial display of air superiority. You will also get to see the evolution of United States airpower as the Heritage Flight Team flies today's state-of-the-art fighters in close formation with World War II and Korean War vintage fighters. The Wings of Blue jump team and several civilian aerial demonstration teams will also dazzle spectators with aerobatic maneuvers.

We are very proud to showcase the world's greatest military force. To our friends and neighbors in the Shreveport and Bossier City communities, I speak for all the men and women of the "Mighty Eighth" in expressing our appreciation for your enduring support. Please take this great opportunity to ask questions and learn about your Air Force, the other armed services, and--most importantly--to meet the young, dedicated professionals serving in our Nation's defense. We are honored to provide this opportunity of sharing with you our rich heritage, our first-class capabilities, and this historic installation that we call home.

Again, welcome and enjoy the Air Show!

The curator and the staff of the 8th Air Force Museum welcome visitors from the Shreveport/Bossier community to the 2004 Barksdale Open House and Air Show.

Furthermore, the museum would also like to extend an invitation to come to visit our museum at any time during the year.

The 8th Air Force Museum is one of 12 U.S. Air Force Field Museums and tells the Air Force story of Strategic Bombardment. This is accomplished through careful collecting and displaying of the material history of the 2d Bomb Wing, America's oldest Bombardment organization, Historic Barksdale AFB, built to train the Air Force's top bombardment units and of course the "Mighty" Eighth Air Force - America's premier bomber command made famous during World War II.

Indoor displays take visitors on a historic journey through world history. The museum features a wide variety of equipment and uniforms placed in diorama style displays, one such diorama depicts a barracks as it was used by members of the World War II 8th Air Force.

The museum's inventory of more than 25 vintage aircraft take visitors on an imaginary trip through the skies with wide variety of 8th Air Force planes. The museum has grown greatly over the years, and today its collection includes the rare SR-71, B-24, B-17, B-29, AT-11, B-47, B-52D, B-52G, British Vulcan, FB-111A, C-45, C-47, VC-64, KC-97, KC-135, P-51D, F-84F, MiG-21F and T-33. The museum



Senior Airman Andrea Knudsen/Observer

**Moonbeam McSwine is one of the many planes on display at the 8th Air Force Museum.**

also features a gift and souvenir shop so visitors can take a piece of "The Mighty Eighth" home with them. Daily films are shown FREE in a replica 8th Air Force World War II Briefing Room.

The museum is located just inside the Bossier Gate and is open to the public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information call (318) 456-3067.

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**U.S. AIR FORCE**  
 Saturday & Sunday,  
 April 24th & 25th, 2004  
 9am to 5pm  
 Barksdale Air Force Base



## 2004 Schedule for Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. Gates Open  
 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Local Flyers: Dave Leedom and Gary Boucher  
 B-52 Launch  
 Ultra-light demo  
 F-18 Demo  
  
 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Apache Demo  
 Jimmy Franklin (Jet Waco) Demo  
 Opening Remarks  
 National Anthem  
 Wyche Coleman Demo  
 Shockwave short run  
  
 12:30 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. A-10 Fly-by  
 B-52 Fly-by

B-1 Fly-by  
 B-2 Fly-by  
 F-117 Fly-by

1:25-2:10 p.m. Tora, Tora, Tora  
 SBD, Hellcat, B-25

2:10-3:30 p.m. Ed Hamill  
 Shockwave  
 Wings of Blue jump team  
 Jimmy Franklin  
 P-47, (P-51 May be Sunday only )  
 F-16 Demo  
 Heritage flight (F-16, P-51, P-47)

3:30-4:00 p.m.  
 Aeroshell Demo Team \*Schedule Subject to Change

# What's our Mission?

## 2d Bomb Wing, 8th Air Force, 917th Wing missions

The 2d Bomb Wing conducts the primary mission of Barksdale Air Force Base, La. With three squadrons of B-52H Stratofortress bombers, the 2d Bomb wing provides flexible, responsive, global combat capability, autonomously or in concert with other forces, and trains all Air Combat Command and Air Force Reserve B-52 crews.

Goals of the 2d Bomb Wing include maximizing resource utilization and providing quality training

in a customer-oriented environment; maintaining a quality culture by fostering continuous improvement through realistic assessment of meaningful performance measures; and promoting a safe and healthy working environment.

Today, as the largest bomb wing in Air Combat Command and part of the historic Eighth Air Force, the wing continues to reflect the heritage of its motto, Libertatem Defendimus: "Liberty We Defend."

The Eighth Air Force provides combat-ready information operations, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and strike forces to combatant commanders around the world.

Other Eighth Air Force units include the 67th Information Operations Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas; the 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort Meade, Md.; the 116th Air Control Wing (E-8C JSTARS), Robins AFB, Ga.; the 552nd Air Control Wing (E-3B/C), Tinker AFB, Okla.; the 819th RED HORSE Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; and the 3rd Air Support Operations Group, Fort Hood, Texas.

### 8th Air Force Bases:

*Barksdale AFB, La.* — 2nd Bomb Wing: B-52H  
*Beale AFB, Calif.* — 9th Reconnaissance Wing: U-2, T-38. Selected as beddown base for RQ-48 Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle  
*Minot AFB, N.D.* — 5th Bomb Wing: B-52H  
*Offutt AFB, Neb.* — 55th Wing: E-4B, RC-135S/U/V/W, TC-135W, WC-135W, OC-135B  
*Whiteman AFB, Mo.* — 509th Bomb Wing: B-2, T-38

The emblem of the 2d Bomb Wing reflects a proud heritage almost as old as American air power.

In the shape of an Air Force shield, the emblem is divided at the top into five perpendicular stripes. The colors of the stripes — black and primitive green — are those which the wing bore as part of the Army Air Service during World War I. The three primitive green stripes represent the three major offensives in which the wing participated during that war: St. Mihiel, Lorraine and Meuse-Argonne. The white fleur-de-lis at the top symbolizes France, the theater of operations for the wing's World War I achievements.

The lower portion of the shield is in Air Force golden yellow, charged with four aerial bombs in ultramarine blue, not only representing the original four combatant squadrons assigned during World War I, but also suggesting the unit's present mission as a heavy bombardment wing of Air Combat Command.

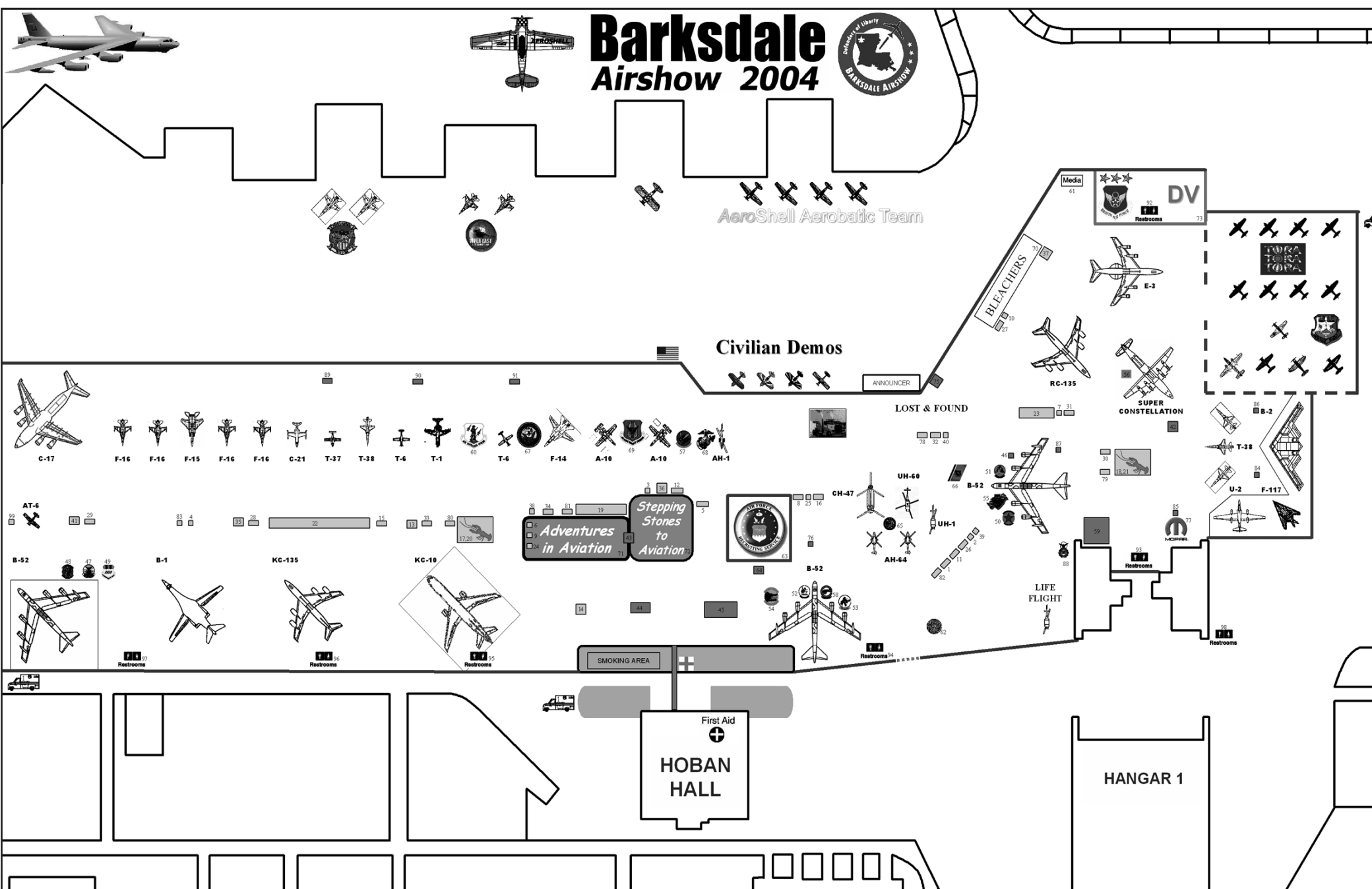
Finally, the scroll at the bottom bears the wing's motto: "Libertatem Defendimus," or "Liberty We Defend."



The 917th is a composite wing which operates both the A-10A Thunderbolt II and the B-52H Stratofortress. Located at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., the Wing employs approximately 1,600 Air Force Reserve personnel. The mission of the 47th Fighter Squadron is to train student pilots to fly the A-10. The primary mission of the 93rd Bomb Squadron is to conduct strategic heavy bombardment and maritime operations in the B-52.







# Installation honors former Air Corps test pilot

**B**arksdale Air Force Base is named in honor of Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale, Air Corps, U.S. Army, who lost his life Aug. 11, 1926, while flight testing an observation airplane over McCook Field in Dayton, Ohio.

Barksdale was born in Goshen Springs, Miss., Nov. 5, 1895. He attended Mississippi State College but left during his junior year to enter the officer's training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots, Little Rock, Ark. He volunteered for aviation a few weeks before receiving his commission as a second lieutenant and enlisted in the aviation section of the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a private first class.

After completing the ground school at the School of Military Aeronautics, Austin, Texas, he embarked for England Sept. 18, 1917, and received his flying training with the British Flying Corps at Oxford and several other aviation schools in England. He accepted his commission May 26, 1918, at Markse, Yorkshire, England.

Following completion of flying training, he was assigned to the 41st Squadron, Royal Air Force, in July



**Lt. E.H. Barksdale**

1918, and placed on active duty as a pilot participating in the Somme and Amiens offensives in early August 1918. He was wounded Sept. 2, 1918, during the Cambrai Offensive. While on duty with the Royal Air Force, he received official credit for the destruction of three enemy aircraft. He also participated in the ground destruction of five other enemy aircraft. He left the Royal Air Force Oct. 15, 1918.

After the war he became a test pilot and lost his life while flight testing a Douglas observation airplane. Barksdale attempted a bail-out from a fast spin only to get his parachute caught in, and severed by, the brace wires attached to the stabilizers at the rear of the plane and fell to his death.

Barksdale was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.

## Barksdale Air Force Base History

The dedication of Barksdale Field Feb. 2, 1933, marked the culmination of a concerted community action. In February 1928, a delegation of prominent Shreveport citizens hired a young crop duster, Air Corps captain Harold Ross Harris, to fly over the local area and find a site for an airfield.

Harris selected what he felt was an adequate location for a military airfield. It was a sprawling section of cotton plantation near Bossier City. The site selection committee, representing the wealthiest taxpayers in the city, unanimously agreed upon the Barksdale Field location. A delegation of citizens travelled to Washington, D.C., to personally pres-

ent the advantages of the proposed site to the War Department. Following the return of this delegation, a special Army board visited Shreveport and reported the location met all requirements of the Air Corps.

Beginning in 1931, construction of the world's largest airfield introduced dramatic changes to the area.

Twenty-mule teams were used to grade the new landing field. More than 1,400 acres of cotton were plowed under and grass planted. Today, the base encompasses more than 22,000 acres.

Barksdale Field's first combat organization, the 20th Pursuit Group, arrived Oct. 31, 1932, from Mather

Field, Ca. The group's mission was aerial training for the purpose of developing procedures and techniques for hostile aircraft.

Barksdale Field was re-named Barksdale Air Force Base in 1948.

In March 1958 the first of the B-52s were assigned.

The World War I-famous 2d Bomb Wing transferred to Barksdale April 1, 1963, from Hunter Field, Ga.

Headquarters Second Air Force was deactivated in 1975 and the Eighth Air Force Headquarters was installed at Barksdale after being located for five years on Guam in charge of strategic operations during the Vietnam War.

# Viper East F-16: soar over millions yearly

20TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Viper East F-16 Demonstration Team is one of six fighter demonstration teams sponsored by the Air Combat Command of the United States Air Force. The Viper East F-16 Demonstration Team is assigned to the 20th Fighter Wing, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 77th Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Shaw AFB, SC.

The demonstration team's primary duty is to promote recruiting and retention through the understanding of the Air Force and its mission. To do this, the team exhibits the tactical capabilities of the F-16CJ and the professional competence of Air Force members.

The team has performed for more than 7 million spectators in the U.S., Canada and Europe. Team members include the pilot, four safety officers and eight maintenance personnel. The eight maintainers are responsible for ensuring the three aircraft are mission capable and repaired if necessary.

The F-16 is a multi-purpose aircraft capable of a variety of missions including air interdiction, suppression of enemy air defenses, close air support and air superiority. It's been part of the United States Air Force inventory since 1979 and is flown by numerous allied nations.

The F-16 served with distinction in the Gulf War, logging more sorties and dropping more bombs than any other aircraft engaged in that war. The aircraft is powered by a single engine capable of producing approximately 30,000 pounds of thrust. As a comparison, that is more horsepower than the entire starting lineup of the Indianapolis 500. The aircraft has a top speed of more than twice the speed of sound.

Despite the power of the F-16, it can fly over 2,000 miles without refueling, and with in-flight refueling, the F-16 flew nonstop to the Middle East before the start of the Gulf War. The F-16 has the reputation as the most maneuverable fighter in the world, but can also deliver bombs with deadly accuracy. The aircraft flown in

the demonstration is fully equipped and combat ready.

The F-16 demonstration is designed to highlight the superior performance characteristics of the aircraft. The combination of rapid rolls, high- and low-speed maneuvering, and high performance climbs and descents vividly illustrate the Fighting Falcon's capabilities. After a demonstration, team members are available to answer any questions about the demonstration or the Air Force in general.



## Wings of Blue set to drop in on Barksdale



U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### WINGS OF BLUE DEMONSTRATION

During a normal Wings of Blue demonstration, 12 parachutists exit the jump aircraft in four separate maneuvers at altitudes ranging from 4,500 to 11,000 feet above ground level. The team uses colored smoke to aid spectators in seeing the demonstration.

On the first pass, wind drift indicators are dropped from the jump aircraft. These weighted pieces of crepe paper are designed to fall at the same rate as an open canopy. The jumpmaster drops the indicators just as the aircraft passes directly over the target at an altitude of 2,500 feet, the lowest altitude at which the jumpers will open their canopies. The jumpmaster watches to see where the indicators land and uses this information to determine the exact point at which the jumper should exit the aircraft to land in the target area.

#### CANOPY SHOW

The second pass is the canopy show, where four parachutists exit the jump aircraft from 4,500 feet above the ground. They freefall for about 10 seconds before deploying their parachutes. The team uses the high performance square parachute, which has a vertical descent rate of from 2 - 16 feet per second and can reach forward speeds of up to 30 miles per hour. Shaped like an airfoil, it exhibits some of the same flight characteristics as the wing of an airplane.

#### BARBER POLE SHOW

The third pass is the barber pole show, where two parachutists exit the aircraft from 7,000 feet. The jumpers come together in mid-air and begin to spin, by a slight

movement of one arm or leg, or by dipping one shoulder. As they spin, the colored smoke they are carrying forms the barber pole. At 4,000 feet, they begin moving apart, and at 2,500 feet, they deploy their parachutes.

#### HIGH-LOW SHOW

The fourth pass is the high-low show, where two parachutists exit the plane from 9,000 feet. One assumes the basic spread-eagle position, which allows him or her to fall as slowly as 85 miles per hour. The second jumper streamlines his or her body and pitches over into a head-first dive, allowing the parachutist to reach speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. Both deploy their parachutes at 2,500 feet. Each second of delay in opening between the first and second parachutists represents approximately 150 feet of vertical separation between the two jumpers.

#### BOMB BURST SHOW

The final pass is the bomb burst show, where four jumpers exit the aircraft from 11,000 feet. They maneuver their bodies in freefall to join into a four-man star, holding this position until 5,000 feet. At this altitude they break the star, turn and track away from each other. The smoke they carry creates the spectacular bomb burst effect. They deploy their parachutes at 2,500 feet.

## TORA: History show re-creates the time period of Dec. 7, 1941, for annual base open house

COURTESY OF WWW.TORATORATORA.COM

TORA TORA TORA is a re-creation of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. It's accomplished through hundreds of dedicated volunteers -- most belonging to the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) -- working as ground crew, maintenance, pilots and pyrotechnic experts. The purpose is to create a dynamic history lesson about the event that propelled us into World War II .....and entertain.

TORA's re-creation is usually the feature performance at organized air shows. It involves many Japanese fighters and bombers simulating the Pearl Harbor attack. In addition, TORA provides breathtaking smoke, fire and explosions from the pyrotechnics team. A professional announcer explains the purpose, history and performance to the crowd.

The air shows follow this pattern..... DECEMBER 7, 1941. OUR STORY BEGAN Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, began like so many others, light Hawaiian breezes and clear skies, soft ukulele music fills the air and church bells from Honolulu ring gently over Pearl Harbor. Breakfast is being served and everyone is having a relaxed morning, enjoying life.

SUDDENLY ...

you hear a drone coming from the North ... a formation of Zeros, Kates and Vals appears over the tops of the trees, and the drone turns into a roar!

"TORA-TORA-TORA! This base is under attack!"

The ukulele music is overpowered by the explosions that rock the ground around you and by the rattle of machine guns ...



# Recruiters bring high tech road show

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
OBSERVER

The U.S. Air Force brings its 2003-04 "Cross Into The Blue" Tour - a public awareness and recruiting campaign - to the Barksdale Airshow, showcasing superior technology, a state-of-the-art movie theater trailer and interactive thrill rides which make the Air Force truly unique.

Entitled "Cross Into The Blue" to mirror the national marketing initiative of the U.S. Air Force, the tour will stop in nearly 60 cities between October 9, 2003 and September 30, 2004. Three customized, 53-foot trailers housing an authentic F-16 Fighting Falcon, giant movie screen, interactive elements and large-scale activities, will log a total of 120,000 miles traveling to recognized city events, air shows and high schools throughout the country in hopes of providing Americans an up-close, inside peek at the U.S. Air Force.

Primarily designed to attract men and women ages 17 - 27, the Cross Into The Blue Tour brings various Air Force "experiences" to life - including "spatial disorientation" pilots may encounter, refueling a jet in mid-air, interacting

with Air Force technology and simulating a special ops parachute jump.

"Our one-of-a-kind, grassroots Cross Into The Blue Tour provides the perfect backdrop to talk with those who might want to share a future with us," said U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Dutch Remkes. "We put this vehicle in motion to educate recruiting prospects about Air Force benefits, career opportunities and specialized training in aircraft maintenance, space and missile operations, air traffic control operations and other fields - presented in a way that would be informative, yet fun and entertaining at the same time."

The Cross Into The Blue display will be located near Hoban Hall and the B-52 static display. It will be open all day on both Saturday and Sunday and will feature the following to everyone:

- Air-to-Air Refueling Game - simulates a mid-air refueling experience
- Extreme Equilibrium Ride - simulates "spatial disorientation" pilots may encounter
- Special Ops Jumper - virtual reality game that simulates a parachute jump

- State-of-the-art Movie Theater Trailer - a three and a half minute, high-powered audio visual experience about today's Air Force, shown on a 6'x14' movie screen with digital surround sound

- F-16 Fighting Falcon - visitors can peer into the cockpit of an actual F-16 fighter jet, which measures 49 feet 5 inches long, stands 16 feet tall and has a wing span of 32 feet 8 inches

- Trivia Game Kiosks - six computer kiosks built into the side of the movie theater trailer features trivia questions designed to educate visitors about today's U.S. Air Force

- GPS Satellite Display - showcases the detail and intricacies of a GPS satellite

Following its stop at Barksdale, the 2004 tour will continue educating young men and women, ages 17 - 27, about the career opportunities and benefits associated with the U.S. Air Force.

General information about the tour's schedule and event locations are posted on the official Web site of the U.S. Air Force ([www.AIRFORCE.com](http://www.AIRFORCE.com)). For information on locating a nearby recruiting office, call toll-free (1-800-423-US-AF) or access online.

# Grab the reins, harness the IT future

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. BRUCE C. COLLETT  
48TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England - Imagine the battlefield of the future. Every missile and bullet in flight and every weapon on the ground will have a networked Internet address that corresponds to a location on a computerized 3-D map in the operations center.

On the other side of the globe, commanders will have the ability to instantly assess battle damage and redirect fire power to any hostile grid coordinate. Medical personnel will know the exact location of each injured person and be able to view real-time vital statistics through sensors attached to each soldier's body.

I can't help but think of the advances we've

made in IT over a relatively short period of time, and that the battlefield of the future, which now seems light-years away, is probably closer than we think.

Remember when IT meant the word "it"? It wasn't that long ago. Twenty three years ago when I entered the service, customers prepared messages on an ancient instrument called a typewriter and delivered them to the base communication center.

These messages were re-typed by communication specialists on a teletypewriter that produced a paper-tape. The paper-tape was interpreted by another machine that transmitted the message through a chain of communications centers connected by a digital network.

How long did it take for a message to traverse the globe? It wasn't uncommon for a

"routine" message to take 24 to 48 hours. Keep in mind, this was just to get it to the receiving communications center. From there, it was printed, reviewed, routed, distributed -- on and on. Factor in another day for courier runs and delivery, and you can see how a "routine" correspondence could take a week to get from writer to reader.

Now, roll the calendar forward to the present day. Computers on every desk, World Wide Web, on-demand data searches, interactive Web sites, streaming video, advanced aircraft simulation, advanced guidance systems, and real-time threat warnings to an aircraft's cockpit. Even our ID cards have a computer chip. And, although Airmen today probably take it for granted, a testament to how engrained IT is in the Air Force is evident in

every enlisted Promotion Fitness Exam study guide that now contains a soft-copy on CD.

With the Air Force keeping, and sometimes exceeding, the pace of commercial industry, we've achieved global e-mail address lists and shared network resources. Thanks to significant investments in network infrastructure, we can now send and receive Defense Messaging System messages from writer to reader in seconds instead of days. Amazingly, this transition occurred right before the eyes of everyone who's been in the Air Force since 1985.

Imagine a training environment where Self Aid Buddy Care students participate in an interactive video where they can perform combat medical procedures.

The possibilities are endless. And surprisingly, they may occur sooner than you think.

# Twilight practice scheduled today

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN  
OBSERVER

A twilight practice, featuring four acts from the open house, is scheduled for today at 7:20 p.m. and will last 90 minutes.

“The acts performing are Dave Leedom, Gary Boucher, Wyche Coleman, Jimmy Franklin, Shockwave, and Aeroshell,” said Lt. Col. Mark Maryak, air boss.

People can park in authorized area west of the flightline and walk through Gate 23 to watch the practice from an area between Hangars five and six. Gate 23 will be accessible to pedestrians beginning at 7 p.m.

The twilight practice is an opportunity to present unique flying acts to our distinguished visitors and the base populace, said Col. Maryak.

The practice is also an opportunity for performers new to Barksdale to get a feel for the base’s air space and runways, said Miss Susie Lehr, air show executive director for the Military Affairs Council.

The practice is aimed primarily at our visiting performers, distinguished visitors and base populace—providing a ‘thank you’ for their efforts to make our show a success, said Col. Maryak.

“In addition, it is also a chance for civilian performers to present a “thank you” to the military personnel here at Barksdale,” said Col. Maryak.

## No write-ups



Senior Airman Andrea Knudson/Observer

**20th Bomb Squadron crew chief Tech. Sgt. Jon Archer conducts preflight checks on his B-52 before its training sortie mission on Wednesday. Sgt. Archer and his crew, Staff Sgt. Dan Dean and Airman First Class Russell**

**Nelson, earned a “no write-ups” status before the training flight; no discrepancies in a major or minor category. 2d Maintenance Group Commander, Col. Karen Wilhelm, joined the crew after the B-52 was taxied.**





## AH-64A Apache

**Rotor Diameter:** 48 ft.  
**Length:** 49 ft., 5 in.  
**Height:** 16 ft., 9 1/2 in.  
**Weight:** 17,650 lbs.  
**Crew:** Two  
**Speed:** 232 mph  
**Range:** 380 miles

The AH-64 Apache is the U.S. Army's primary attack helicopter. The Apache is regarded as the most lethal and survivable helicopter in military aviation history. It is designed to fight and survive during the day, night and in adverse weather throughout the world. It is equipped with numerous systems that allow the crew to navigate and attack in darkness and adverse weather conditions. Its primary weapon is the Hellfire missile, but it may also use a 30 mm chain gun and Hydra 70 mm rockets. The Apache can withstand hits from rounds as large as 23 mm.



## F-16 Fighting Falcon

**Wingspan:** 32 ft., 8 in.  
**Length:** 49 ft., 5 in.  
**Height:** 16 ft.  
**Crew:** One, F-16D two  
**Speed:** 1,500 mph  
**Armament:** One 20 mm multi-barrel cannon

The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. It provides a relatively low-cost, high-performance weapon system for the air forces of the United States and allied nations. In an air combat role, the F-16's maneuverability and combat radius exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft. With a full load of internal fuel, the F-16 can withstand up to nine G's — nine times the force of gravity — which exceeds the capability of other current fighter aircraft.



## B-1B Lancer

**Wingspan:** 137 ft.  
**Length:** 146 ft.  
**Height:** 34 ft.  
**Crew:** Four  
**Speed:** 900+ mph  
**Ceiling:** Over 30,000 feet

The B-1B is a multi-role, long-range bomber, capable of flying intercontinental missions without refueling, then penetrating present and predicted sophisticated enemy defenses. It can perform a variety of missions, including that of a conventional weapons carrier for theater operations. The bomber can also serve a number of collateral missions flown by the B-52 bomber, such as long-range sea surveillance and mine-laying operations. The swing-wing design allows for greater speed and survivability.



## B-52 Stratofortress

**Wingspan:** 185 ft.  
**Length:** 159 ft., 4 in.  
**Height:** 40 ft., 8 in.  
**Crew:** Five  
**Speed:** 650 mph  
**Ceiling:** 50,000 ft.

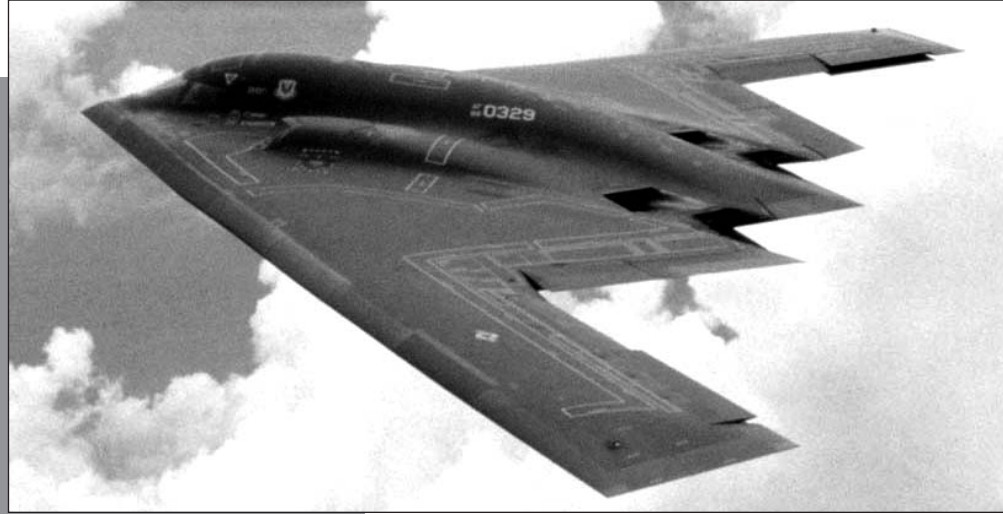
The B-52 is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions. The bomber is capable of flying at high subsonic speeds at altitudes up to 50,000 feet. It can carry approximately 70,000 pounds of mixed nuclear or conventional ordnance with worldwide precision navigation capability. During Operation Enduring Freedom, B-52s delivered more than half of all the weapons dropped by coalition forces. The B-52 can also conduct mine-laying operations for the Navy. At Barksdale, the B-52 is flown by the 2d Bomb Wing and 917th Wing.



## C-130 Hercules

**Wingspan:** 132 ft., 7 in.  
**Length:** 97 ft., 9 in.  
**Height:** 38 ft., 3 in.  
**Crew:** Five  
**Speed:** 374 mph  
**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 155,000 pounds

The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the intratheater portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough dirt strips and is the prime transport for paratropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. In its personnel carrier role, the C-130 can accommodate 92 combat troops or 64 fully equipped paratroopers on side-facing seats. Paratroopers exit the aircraft through two doors on either side of the aircraft behind the landing-gear fairings. For medical evacuations, it carries 74-litter patients and two medical attendants.



## B-2 Spirit

**Wingspan:** 172 ft.  
**Length:** 69 ft.  
**Height:** 17 ft.  
**Crew:** Two  
**Speed:** High subsonic  
**Ceiling:** 50,000 ft.

The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap forward in technology, the B-2's low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the unique ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its most valued, and heavily defended, targets. The B-2's stealth is derived from a combination of reduced infrared, acoustic, electromagnetic, visual and radar signatures. These signatures make it difficult for sophisticated defensive systems to detect, track and engage the B-2.



**T-38 Talon**

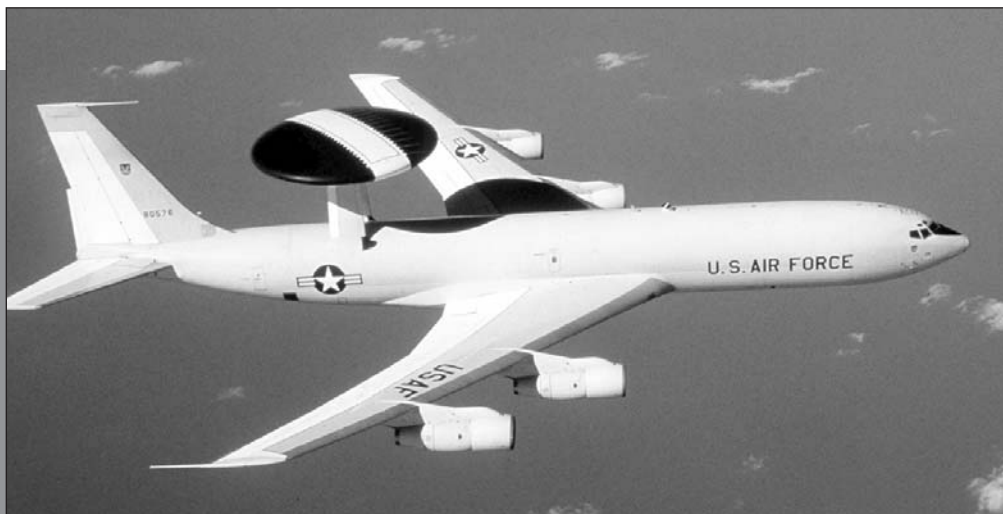
**Wingspan:** 25 ft., 3 in.  
**Length:** 46 ft., 4 1/2 in.  
**Height:** 12 ft., 10 1/2 in.  
**Crew:** Two  
**Speed:** 812 mph  
**Ceiling:** About 55,000 ft.

The T-38 Talon is a twin-engine, high-altitude, supersonic jet trainer used in a variety of roles because of its design, economy of operations, ease of maintenance, high performance and exceptional safety record. It is used primarily by the Air Education and Training Command for undergraduate pilot and pilot instructor training. NASA also uses the T-38 in various roles. The T-38 needs as little as 2,300 feet of runway to take off and climb from sea level to nearly 30,000 feet in one minute.

**KC-135 Stratotanker**

**Wingspan:** 130 ft., 10 in.  
**Length:** 136 ft., 3 in.  
**Height:** 41 ft., 8 in.  
**Crew:** Four  
**Speed:** 530 mph

The KC-135 Stratotanker's primary mission is air refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied aircraft. Nearly all internal fuel can be pumped through the tanker's flying boom. A cargo deck above the refueling system can hold a mixed load of passengers and cargo. Depending on fuel storage configuration, the tanker can carry up to 83,000 pounds of cargo. The first KC-135 flew in August 1956 and the last tanker was delivered to the Air Force in 1965.

**E-3 Sentry**

**Wingspan:** 130 ft., 10 in.  
**Length:** 145 ft., 6 in.  
**Height:** 41 ft., 4 in.  
**Crew:** Flight crew of four with mission crew of 13 to 19  
**Speed:** 360 mph

The E-3 Sentry is the airborne warning and control system, known as AWACS, pronounced ā-wak's. The E-3 provides all-weather surveillance, command, control and communications needed by commanders of U.S. and NATO air defense forces. The E-3 is a modified Boeing 707/320 commercial airframe with a rotating radar dome. The dome is 30 feet in diameter, six feet thick and held 11 feet above the fuselage by two struts. It contains a radar subsystem that permits surveillance from the Earth's surface up into the stratosphere, with a range of more than 200 miles.

**A-10 Thunderbolt II**

**Wingspan:** 57 ft., 6 in.  
**Length:** 53 ft., 4 in.  
**Height:** 14 ft., 8 in.  
**Crew:** One  
**Speed:** 420 mph  
**Armament:** One 30 mm seven-barrel Gatling gun

The A-10 and OA-10 Thunderbolt IIs are the first Air Force aircraft specially designed for close air support of ground forces. They are simple, effective and survivable twin-engine jet aircraft that can be used against all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles. The A-10 and OA-10 have excellent maneuverability at low speeds and altitude and can loiter near battle areas for extended periods of time. In addition to its 30 mm Gatling gun, the A-10 can carry a wide variety of missiles and bombs, making it extremely lethal. At Barksdale, A-10s are flown by the 917th Reserve Wing.

**C-17 Globemaster III**

**Wingspan:** 169 ft., 10 in.  
**Length:** 174 ft.  
**Height:** 55 ft., 1 in.  
**Crew:** Three  
**Speed:** 518 mph  
**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 585,000 pounds

The C-17 Globemaster III is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. Maximum payload capacity of the C-17 is 170,900 pounds. With a payload of 160,000 pounds and an initial cruise altitude of 28,000 feet, the C-17 has an unrefueled range of approximately 2,760 miles. The C-17 may also airdrop both equipment and 102 paratroopers.

**RC-135 Rivet Joint**

**Wingspan:** 131 ft.  
**Length:** 140 ft., 6 in.  
**Height:** 42 ft.  
**Crew:** Four  
**Speed:** 500 mph  
**Thrust:** 64,000 lbs.

The RC-135 is used for worldwide reconnaissance missions and is a long-range, high-altitude version of the C-135. There are several models of the RC-135, all configured differently for various reconnaissance roles and missions. All RC-135s are equipped with an air refueling system giving the aircraft unlimited range. The RC-135 carries high, very-high and ultra-high frequency radios, radar, global positioning system, and stellar and inertial navigation systems.



# A Look at Life on Barksdale



When the Shreveport Bossier area thinks of Barksdale, it usually looks up to the sky to see the ever-present B-52 flying overhead. But for those who do not visit the base regularly, it is easy to forget that Barksdale is not simply a place where people go to work, but also it is a place where many Airmen live. (Left) The American flag flies over the parade field near the Shreveport Gate. (Bottom right) Two fishermen enjoy one of Barksdale's four lakes. The base has more than 22,000 acres of land, several of which are locations where military members can fish and hunt. (Bottom center) Two bicyclists ride through the Heritage Heights housing subdivision on the East Reservation. (Far right) Barksdale's new air traffic control tower is the most recent addition to the Barksdale skyline. Many people wonder why it is not actually on the flightline itself, but the better field of vision is the reason why it is recessed so far back. (Center right) Take a look down any block of Barksdale's main housing and one can see the greenest yards for children and adults to enjoy during the spring. More than 700 families live in base housing.





# Base Chapel Services

456-2111

Duty Chaplain for  
Emergencies: 456-2151



## Catholic

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.  
Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Confraternity Christian Doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

## Protestant

Liturgical Communion Service, Chapel One, Sunday 9 a.m.  
Community Worship Service, Chapel Two, Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, Chapel Two, Sunday Noon  
Contemporary Praise Service, Chapel Two, Sunday 6 p.m.  
Family Night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.



# FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

456-8400

Reservations required for all events.

## Personal and Family Readiness Briefing

The Family Support Center's Readiness Team provides information and support on Thursday and May 6 at 2 p.m. during times of separation. Visit the center for this important briefing to prepare active duty members and their families for separation due to deployment or TDY. Spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend. Call 456-8400 for more information.

## Relocation briefing

All PCSing members must attend a relocation briefing within 90 days prior to their departure date. Airmen will learn about the many resources available to make a smooth and pleasant transition to their next duty assignment. Spouses are always encouraged to attend.

## English as a 2nd Language

This class, offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, learning to speak, read and write English. These skills can aid in the transition to American culture.

## Transition Assistance Program Seminar

This three-day workshop, on May 4 through 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is conducted by the Department of Labor and is designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions as they transition from military service to civilian life. Learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search. Based on comments made by attendees, most have said they wish they had taken advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service. Sign up to receive the tools needed to help you and your family prepare for this new challenge.



# Heir Force

Barksdale's Latest Arrivals

Born	Name	Parents
March 31	William Gavin	Capt. William and Allyson Manley 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs

To announce your latest arrival, call the *Observer* at 456-5501 or 456-3241 or e-mail [observer@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:observer@barksdale.af.mil)

# The Movies

B A S E T H E A T E R

## Today

7 p.m. — “Dirty Dancing Havana Nights” PG-13

**Diego Luna, Rornola Garai** — 18-year-old Katey moves with her father to Havana. Instead of joining the crowd of wealthy Americans in her new neighborhood, Katey befriends Javier, a poor waiter, who also happens to be a great dancer. Katey soon persuades Javier to partner with her in a prestigious national dance competition.

## Saturday

7 p.m. — “Secret Window” R

**Johnny Depp, John Turturro** — Mort Rainey, a successful writer, is in the midst of a painful divorce leaving him with a case of writer's block, when a psychotic stranger, John Shooter, shows up at his doorstep, accuses and Rainey of plagiarizing his story and demands satisfaction

## Sunday

7 p.m. — “Spartan” R

**Val Kilmer, Derek Luke** — Special ops officer Robert Scott and his protégé, Curtis, are assigned to find the missing daughter of a high-ranking government official. But then their mission seems to come to an abrupt halt when the girl's death is reported in the media. Curtis believes the girl is in fact alive. If she is, there's a dangerous conspiracy at the highest level covering up the fact that she's still alive.

## Coming Soon

Passion of Christ

Multiple Showings

Admission: Adults \$2.50  
Children \$1.25

Movies are subject to change without notice.

# “What’s Cooking?”

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

## TODAY

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks  
Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

## SATURDAY

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs  
Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

## SUNDAY

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish  
Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

## MONDAY

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork  
Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

## TUESDAY

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon  
Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

## WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef  
Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

## THURSDAY

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken  
Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnizel

## FRIDAY, April 30

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers  
Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti





# Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

## Staff Sergeant Cedric Townsend

**Hometown:** Winona, Miss.

**Unit:** 2d Communications Squadron

**Job Title:** Cable and Antenna Systems Craftsman

**Job Description:** Copper and fiber optic cable installer, splicer, tester, troubleshooter, locator and connectorizer

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Knowing that cable and antenna systems play an integral part in this base daily operations

**Goals:** To become a chief master sergeant

and also complete my business administration degree

**Hobbies:** Flag football, golf, basketball, softball, and studying

**What motivates my winning attitude:** The need to be the best in what ever I do

**Favorite TV show:** "Judge Judy"

**Favorite movie:** Anything with Denzel or Deniro in it

**Favorite performer:** 2Pac

**Favorite food:** Spaghetti and fish

**Favorite Book:** PFE/CDC's

**Person I admire the most:** My mother

**I'm proudest of:** Coming home to peace

**Best day of my life:** My day of birth

**My best asset is:** The ability to get along with everyone

**Pet peeve:** Anyone who doesn't try hard enough

**What I like most about Barksdale:** The Cable Dawgs, and the fact that I'm four hours from home

**If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be:** Add lights to the Fox Run Golf Course, so we all can play anytime

**Most influential person for you in the Air Force and why:** Tech. Sgt. James Jewel, his incredible work ethic and involvement with many functions as well as time for school and most importantly family and he can make people smile.

## 2d Communications Squadron at a Glance

**Squadron Motto:** No Comm, No Bomb!

**Group Commander:** Col. Colleen Duffy

**Squadron Commander:** Lt. Col. Richard Converse

**Flight Commander:** Maj. Kenneth Yunevich

**First Sergeant:** Master Sgt. Ron Potchebski

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When you don't have time to go to the Family Support Center or other helping agencies, take advantage of the wealth of information and resources that Air Force One Source Online offers. Simply log on today at [www.airforceonesource.com](http://www.airforceonesource.com) (User ID: airforce Password: ready)

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# 2d BW holds dorm inspection

## Base leaders head quality of life initiative

BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA KNUDSON  
OBSERVER

Inspections, inspections, inspections. Whether they are checking Barksdale's ability to perform its B-52 mission, or finding out just how good the wing is, Air Force members have become accustomed to a variety of them -- including the classic dorm inspection.

Monday, the 2d Bomb Wing held its Dorm of the Quarter inspection. The 2d BW commander, Col. Michael Moeller, along with 2d BW Command Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne, 2d Aviation Maintenance Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Peter Axelson, and the 2d Services Squadron First Sergeant, Master Sgt. Rick Speedy, served as the judges for the inspection.

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Amber Bushroe and Airman 1st Class Daniel Hill, dorm chiefs building 4650; Airman Adrian Walker and Airman 1st Class Eric Smith, dorm chiefs building 4323; Airman 1st Class Logan Wilkey, dorm chief building 4377 for their buildings winning in their respective category.

The Dorm of the Quarter program rewards three dorms \$1,000 each; one per category, said Master Sgt. Kelly Walls, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, unaccompanied housing manager.

"The dorms are zoned into three categories: the four dining hall dorms; the three oldest dorms -- in which one dorm serves as a linen exchange; and the four dorms nearest to the education office," said Sgt. Walls, whose duties include managing the 11-facility dormitory complex, which has a real property value in excess of \$30 million, formulating fiscal year budgets, and submitting dormitory occupancy reports.

The 2d BW established the Dorm of the Quarter as a quality of life initiative, said Sgt. Walls.

"Its mission is to award \$12,000 to deserving dorms per year," said Sgt. Walls. "It's the 2d BW's way of giving back to the dorm residents who show some pride in ownership and go the extra mile to enhance the environment."

Airman First Class Kevin Snider, 2d CES, engineer's assistant, the dorm council president, assists dorm chiefs and airmen with the inspection preparation.

"As dorm council president, I manage the dorm chiefs and the new Internet café or The Blue Room," said Amn. Snider, who took over the dorm council president position this year, and enlisted into the Air Force in February of 2003. "The primary purpose of the dorm council is to improve quality of life for the dorm residents [with] beautification projects and entertainment coordination.

"My duties for the inspection include coordinating the efforts of my own building, and ensuring the other dorm chiefs are aware of the deadlines," added Amn. Snider, who bought supplies for the inspection, recruited volunteers, and coordinated time off with airmen and their first sergeants so they could assist their respective dorm chiefs. "During the inspection, I [acted] as an escort to the inspectors and as an advisor to the inspectees, too."

The residents of the winning dorms can spend the \$1,000 on whatever they like as long as it's an item of supply or equipment and benefits the entire dorm, said Sgt. Walls.

"Popular choices have been electronics such as surround sound systems, stereo systems, DVD players, etc.," Sgt. Walls said.

The dorm chiefs chose a "must see" room to be inspected, and on the day of the inspection, the judges



Senior Airman Andrea Knudson/Observer

**Dorm council president, Airman First Class Kevin Snider, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, greets 2d Bomb Wing commander, Col. Michael Moeller, and 2d BW Command Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne, at Monday's Dorm of the Quarter Inspection.**

randomly selected another room; two rooms in each dormitory were inspected. Airman Erin McCormick, 2d BW chapel, chaplain assistant, had her room inspected.

"I spent most of the day Saturday cleaning my room with the help of a friend," said Amn. McCormick, who lives in the Maurader Dorm and has six months in the Air Force. "We cleaned my room from top to bottom! I also helped out fellow Airmen at the Stratofortress Dorm with weeding and picking up leaves all afternoon on Sunday."

The dorm of the quarter instills camaraderie, said Sgt. Walls, who has been in the Air Force 22 years and has held the unaccompanied housing manager position for three years.

"The units pull together to win the competitions by scheduling a day to beautify the dorm, paint dayrooms and stairwells, build flower beds, power wash sidewalks, etc.," said Sgt. Walls. "I think what motivates residents most is when supervisors and others from their units who don't live in the dorm show up and help out. I've seen supervisors stick around and play volleyball after they were done. My favorite part is how creative and talented the residents can get. It reminds me of those room make-over shows on television."

Sergeant Walls offers the following advice to dorm residents.

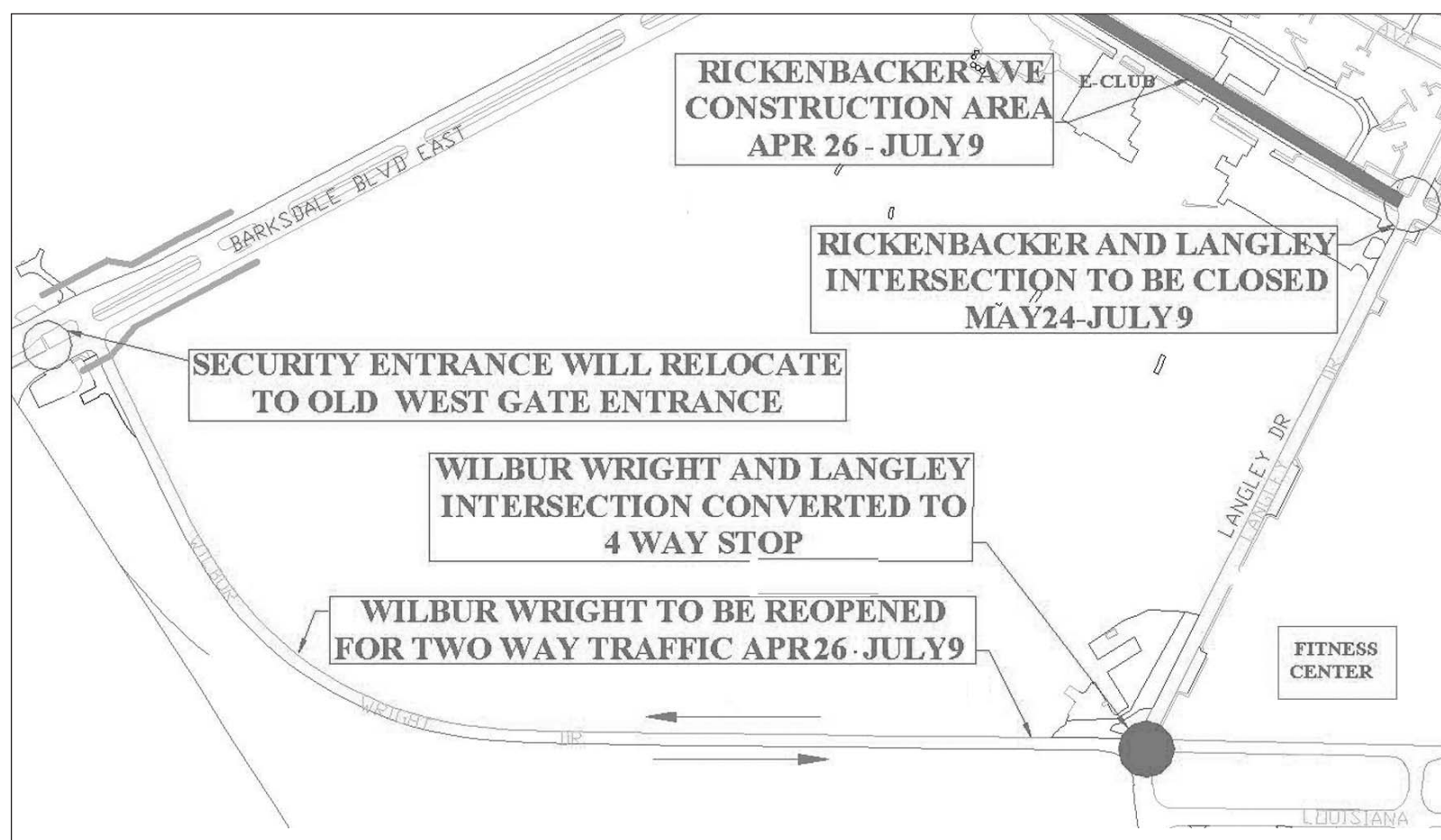
"My advice to residents is to keep their dorms clean, represent yourself and don't be the one who throws cigarette butts on the ground, or leaves pop cans and food containers in the stair wells," Sgt. Walls said. "Also, stop others from trashing dayrooms and common areas; nobody wants to live in a pig pen, so don't tolerate it. [You don't have to] keep your room immaculate, just neat and clean because you never know when your commander may want [their first sergeant] to bring them through dorm rooms."

While a clean dorm room provides a better quality living environment, the best part is all the fun the inspection process brings about, said Sgt. Walls.

"The best thing is that each time we hold a competition it gets more fun, the competition becomes playfully fierce, and more and more residents and members from their squadrons get involved," Sgt. Walls said. "It gives dorm chiefs an opportunity to meet and escort [their senior leaders] like Chief Master Sgt. Lavigne around their dorm. And again, its proof the 2d BW supports the residents and their quality of life."



## Road closure



Effective Monday, Rickenbacker Avenue between Barksdale East Boulevard and Langley Drive will be closed for reconstruction. The construction is expected to be complete by July 9. The intersection of Langley and Rickenbacker will remain open until May 23. In conjunction with the reconstruction of Rickenbacker Avenue, Wilbur Wright Drive between Langley and Barksdale Boulevard East will be reopened to accommodate traffic flow during construction. The Wilbur Wright/Langley intersection will be converted to a four-way stop during construction. The security entrance for the West Gate will be moved to the current Visitor Center Building at the West Gate entrance off Barksdale Highway.



# Sports Shorts



## Fun Run

In celebration of Law Day 2004, the 2 Bomb Wing Legal Office will host a base-wide 5K Fun Run at 8 a.m. on Thursday at the Fitness Center. Prizes will be given to the best team, best husband/wife team, and the best individual in the race. There will also be food and refreshments. The theme is the landmark Brown v. Board of Education victory and the course will include guideposts on the road to Brown.

Contact the sports and fitness center at 456-4135 for more information.

## Sports Advisory council meeting

A sports advisory council meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mission Support Group Conference Room.

Contact Staff Sgt. Scott Robertson or Master Sgt. James Mitchell at 456-4135 for directions or more information.

## Archery

Outdoor Recreation will host a 3-D archery tournaments on the following dates: May 23 and June 27 with starting times between 9 a.m. and noon.

The fees are: Pro-\$25, Non-members-\$10, Members, Youth and Cub-\$5 and Pee Wee-free.

Call Marilyn at 456-3426 for more information.

## Golf Season

The 2004 Golf season is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Coaches are asked to have their ideas on a 1 p.m. Monday shotgun start time for the season golf matches. Please coordinate with the appropriate people in squadrons to see if this would be possible. Please bring your ideas to the golf meeting.

Call Staff Sgt. Scott Robertson at 456-4135 for more information.

## Softball

The 2004 softball season is set to begin May 24. The deadline for entry is May 5.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the fitness center.

The softball fields are now off limits due to the fact that grass has just been planted. Fields are on schedule to be ready for the start of the season.

The youth center fields are also off limits to practice on.

Call Staff Sgt. Scott Robertson at 456-4135 for more information.

## Coaches

Spring Lacrosse Coaches are needed for Spring season for grades three through eight boys. The season runs through May. Apply at Broadmoor YMCA.

Contact Pete Bolton at 674-9635 or email [pbolton@shreve.net](mailto:pbolton@shreve.net) for more information.

## Golf Lessons

Link Up to Golf is a new program designed to teach beginners basic skills and comfort with the course.

Students will get six classes, each lasting approximately 1.5 hours with a maximum of six students in each class for \$99. This enables the instructor to provide quality instruction.

Each playing session will consist of approximately three holes and during this time etiquette, course management, speed of play, caring for the course, and rules will be discussed.

Clubs will be provided for those who need them. Class is limited to six students.

The first session is April 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the driving range. The class will run through mid-May.

For more information call the golf course at 456-2263.

# Chiefs take volleyball victory over Eagles

SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA KNUDSON  
OBSERVER

The heated debate is officially over. We're not talking politics; we're talking sports. The much anticipated Chiefs vs. Eagles volleyball drama played out on the courts Tuesday afternoon at the base fitness and sports center -- sending some players cheering all the way to the enlisted club, and others, well, they were not so enthusiastic.

After all the trash talking, questionable recruiting tactics, highly-spirited banter and friendly put downs, the Chiefs walked away victorious, beating the Colonels and their Eagles team 15 to 5 in the first match, and 15 to 10 in the second. There was a "fun" game following the Chiefs match win over the Colonels, who garnered an 11 to nothing win.

The excitement began as soon as the players took to the court. Pushing and shoving promptly ensued -- some fights broke out... okay, no fights were reported, but it was an intense game. Both teams had strong set-ups and great displays of teamwork, but as the final results show, the Chiefs just couldn't be outdone.

First match: Chief Keith Pinkard, 2d Medical Operations Squadron, and Chief Michael Vaughan, 2d Communications Squadron, send the ball over with their power serves and their teams' essential set-up supporters keep the ball on the Colonels' side; Eighth Air Force chief master sergeants George Bice, who is one heck-of-a-spiker, Ron Harris, Debbie Wilson, and Karen Dejong, 2d Mission Support Group, and 2d Civil Engineer Squadron Chiefs Mark Barton, who is another aggressive spiker, and Rich Forbrich. About 22 chiefs were responsible for bringing the trophy back home.

Second Match: 2d Bomb Wing inspector general, Col. Barnette, makes several daring dives on the court. 2d Bomb Wing's director of staff Lt. Col. Richard Humphrey, also taking dives to the court, has better luck during one of the longest volleys of the day -- ultimately capturing the point for the Colonels. Colonel James Dunn, 2d BW, attempts to save a ball from going out of bounds, but again, point goes to the Chiefs.

The crowd is rowdy and feisty; unfavorable calls -- depending on which team you were rooting for -- war-

rant boos from the crowd. Although they were not playing, 2d BW group commanders Colonels Colleen Duffy and Karen Wilhelm are aggressive in their cheering, adding to the pandemonium.

It does look better for the Colonels toward the end of the match; they gain a few points as the Chiefs score in the error department, however, it's not enough to hold the Chiefs back. Final point -- Chief Joe Sanchez, 2d Security Forces, spikes the ball and seals the win for the mighty Chiefs.

When the smoke finally cleared on this year's competition, the Chiefs and Colonels were once again cordial to one another -- instead, choosing to focus on the real issue at hand -- raising funds for enlisted recognition programs.

"The monies [from the ticket sales] go back to support several projects like the Chiefs' Sharp Troop award or funds like the Chaplains Fund," said Chief Master Sgt. Wenzel Oesterreich, 8th Air Force, whose been playing since 1998 and served as the Chiefs' coach for the first time this year. "Look at Barksdale's awards programs; they are outstanding because of groups like the Chiefs, First Sergeants, [company grade officers], the officers' spouses' club; together, we make a good thing fantastic.

"We also have funds set aside for Airmen in time of need for emergencies," the chief said. "When you can help a person out in [those times], that is what makes all the time spent raising the money worth while."

The Chiefs triumphed over the few, but valiant, Eagles, conceded Col. Dunn.

"Although the Chiefs now possess the trophy, the real winners are the many Airmen who will benefit from the over \$800 generated by this worthy event," said Col. Dunn, who has played for the Eagles for the past two years. "Regardless of which side of the net you're on, we're all dedicated to supporting Airmen. By the time you get as old as most of the Chiefs and the Eagles, you've spent the better part of your life striving to support the troops. Both the Chiefs and the Eagles look forward to next year's match and challenge all members of the Mighty Deuce to find new ways to support each other, to improve our team, and to continue to serve in the world's greatest Air Force...none comes close."



The Chiefs celebrate as 2d Bomb Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne accepts the winner's trophy on behalf of the Chiefs from the Eagles' Col. James Dunn, 2d BW. The Chiefs

took the victory after defeating the Eagles in the first two of three matches. The Eagles took the final "fun" match, beating the Chiefs in an 11-0 stomping.

Airman 1st Class Sonya Padilla/2d CS



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## Enlisted Club (456-4467) **Lunch Moves to O-Club**

Due to road construction, Lunch at the enlisted club will move to the officers club, effective Monday until further notice. Special functions scheduled at the enlisted club will remain there. The lounge will also operate as normal.

## **Uncle Louie's Closes**

Due to the road construction in front of the enlisted club, Uncle Louies will close effective Tuesday until further notice.

## **Thirsty Tuesday**

Unwind every Tuesday with 85 cent domestic draft beer, \$3.50 pitchers and 25 cent hot wings. Groups are welcome.

## **Weekend Dance Nights**

Dance every weekend in the main lounge with tunes from Nitelife Entertainment. Enjoy social hour each Friday from 4-6 p.m., followed by Oldies but Goodies for your dancing pleasure. Saturday is also Oldies but Goodies from 9 p.m. - midnight. Admission is free for club members.

## Officers Club (456-4926)

### **Brunch Closure**

Brunch will be closed Sunday because of the Air Show. It will reopen May 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the ballroom.

### **Thursday Jackpot Bingo**

Win big every Thursday evening! Last night's jackpot was \$1,100 and it grows weekly! Enjoy the buffet at 5:30 p.m. for only \$5.50 and members get an extra buck off. You can also play Early Bird Bingo. Jackpot Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. All ranks are welcome!

### **One Dollar Lunch**

Dollar lunch is back by popular demand at the officers club on Tuesday. Show your club card and get the Mega Buffet for only one dollar. This is part of the Members First program. Encourage a friend to join the club, as it pays to be a club member.

## Fox Run Golf Course (456-2263)

### **Free Golf Lessons**

May is the PGA's Free Golf Lesson Month. Get a free 10 minute lesson from a professional instructor and shave strokes from your game. Call John Williams at Fox Run Golf Course today and schedule an appointment. Slots are filling fast.

## Part Day Enrichment (456-3776) **Pre-school Summer Fun Camp**

Pre-school summer fun camp registration is going on now for children ages 3 to 5. Two camp sessions will be held: Show and Tell on June 1-24 and Wet and Wild on July 6-29. Camp runs Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

To register, come by the Part Day Enrichment Center at 827 Twining on any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from noon to 2 p.m. Parents should bring immunization records, birth certificate and leave and earning statements. Children must have been 3-years-old by March 1 and fees are based on total family income. Call 456-3776 for more information.

## Family Child Care (456-8912) **Earn Extra Money at Home**

Be a family child care provider and earn extra money while staying at home with your children. Training, equipment and supplies are free. Spouses living off-base and DOD spouses are also eligible. Licensing is mandatory for base residents caring for others more than ten hours.

## Gifts and Getaways (456-1865)

### **Mudbugs Playoff Tickets**

The Bossier/Shreveport Mudbugs are in the final round of the CHL play-offs and Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets. Pick up your tickets for Saturday and Sunday for only \$10.50. This is a great opportunity as playoff tickets are very rarely discounted. Stop by Gifts and Getaways so you can cheer on the Bugs to the President's Cup Championship.

### **New Extended Hours**

Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall has extended its operating hours. They are now open Mondays - Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They close Sundays and holidays. Call 456-1865 for more information.

### **Schlitterbahn Water Park**

Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets to Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort, named America's number one water park by the Travel Channel, in New Braunfels, Texas, just outside of San Antonio, and to Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark, the tropical water park, in South Padre Island.

Include these parks in your next vacation or TDY plan. Save up to 14 percent only at Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall.



**Sunday, May 9**  
**2 seatings: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**  
(10:30 a.m. seating closes at 12:30 p.m., club reopens for 1:30 p.m. seating)

Enjoy roasted turkey with sage dressing, honey glazed ham, marinated breast of chicken, creole jambalaya, tender prime rib of beef with au jus and horseradish sauce, potatoes au gratin, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, cheese blintzes, omelets made to order, and traditional breakfast entrees

**Adults: \$15.95    Children: \$6.95    4 & under: \$3.95**

## Sail over to the **BOAT FLOAT** **BOOGIE**

Get a team    Build a Boat    Use only milk jugs, cardboard & duct tape    Get in & race it    Win \$200!    Party!

**Friday, June 4  
6-10 P.m.**

**West Pool  
Spectators welcome!  
456-6955 or 456-3448**



## Outdoor Recreation (456-3426)

### **Horseback Riding Trip**

Make plans now to go horseback trail riding in scenic Jefferson, Texas, on June 19. Guests will ride at Kharma Farms and then will go to downtown Jefferson for snacks and browsing.

The group will leave from the officers club at 2 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. The price is only \$25 or \$10 for small kids riding with parent. Sign-up ends on June 16.

## **Pool Passes On Sale Now**

Season pool passes are on sale now at low prices. Family season passes are only \$70, 83 percent off daily admission for a family of three. A single season pass is just \$35, or 74 percent off, and a single monthly pass is only \$15, or 67 percent off. Daily admission is \$1.50. The pools are located by the enlisted and officers clubs and are open from May 29- Sept. 6. Call 456-3426 for details.